

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace paragraph [0025] with the following amended paragraph:

[0025] As shown in Figure 5, the rolled material 87 is then cut to an appropriate size and placed in a mat press 88. The rolled material 87 then molded under heat and pressure for a sufficient period of time to allow the thermoplastic backing material 20 to flow to form the desired shape. As one of ordinary skill in the art recognizes, the amount of heat, pressure and time may be varied depending upon the composition of the thermoplastic backing material and the desired surface quality. Normal pressings of 20-25 tons at approximately 155 and ~~475~~ 185 degrees Celsius, and more preferably at about 165 degrees Celsius (approximately 330 degrees Fahrenheit), for about 20 seconds are used to flow the thermoplastic backing material having a composition as shown in Table 1.